



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
1301 CONSTITUTION AVE., NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20004

**DATE:** JUNE 18, 2018

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**COMPLAINT #:** OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0081

**CROSS REFERENCE #:**

**TITLE:** PRUITT, E. SCOTT, POLITICAL APPOINTEE, EPA ADMINISTRATOR

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
E. SCOTT PRUITT	WASHINGTON, DC	

**BACKGROUND:**

On April 9, 2018, Assistant Inspector General of Investigations (AIGI) Patrick Sullivan, Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a memorandum from Kevin Minoli (Minoli), Principal Deputy General Counsel and Designated Agency Ethics Official, EPA. The memorandum, dated April 6, 2018, was issued by the United States Office of Government Ethics (OGE) and addressed to Minoli, concerning allegation of employee misconduct by EPA Administrator E. Scott Pruitt (Administrator Pruitt).

At AIGI Sullivan's direction, administrative cases were opened to investigate the following allegations: (1) Did Administrator Pruitt's rental agreement with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) constitute a gift; (2) Were EPA Agency Ethics Officials improperly pressured into rendering opinions pertaining to Administrator's Pruitt's condominium rental; (3) Did Administrator Pruitt have subordinates at the EPA assist him in finding personal housing; and (4) Did Administrator Pruitt, or subordinate(s) at his direction, reassign or demote staff who attempted to ensure that expenses and other actions taken by the EPA were in accordance with laws and regulations.

This case was opened to investigate allegation four (4) that Administrator Pruitt, or subordinate(s) at his direction, reassign or demote staff who attempted to ensure that expenses and other actions taken by the EPA were in accordance with laws and regulations.

The memorandum provided the following link as a source of information concerning allegation 4: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/business/epa-officials-questioned-scott-pruitt.html>

**SUMMARY:**

Based on the link, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

**RESTRICTED INFORMATION**

Page 1

This report is the property of the Office of Investigations and is loaned to your agency: it and its contents may not be reproduced without written permission. The report is FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY and its disclosure to unauthorized persons is prohibited. Public availability to be determined under 5 U.S.C. 552.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(E)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]:

- Complaint No.: COMP-2018-81, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
[REDACTED]
- Complaint No.: COMP-2018-82, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C);
- Complaint No.: COMP-2018-83, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
[REDACTED]
- Complaint No.: COMP-2018-84, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
[REDACTED]; and
- Complaint No.: COMP-2018-85, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
[REDACTED]

#### **DISPOSITION:**

On May 9, 2018, separate complaints were opened for each (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Based upon the foregoing, there are no further investigative steps to be taken and this case is recommended for closure.



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

1301 CONSTITUTION AVE, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20004

**DATE:** MARCH 29, 2019

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0082

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** PRUITT, E. SCOTT; POLITICAL APPOINTEE, ADMINISTRATOR, OA, EPA

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Administrator Scott Pruitt	Washington, DC	N/A

**ALLEGATIONS:**

On April 9, 2018, the Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a memorandum from Kevin Minoli (Minoli), Principal Deputy General Counsel and Designated Agency Ethics Official, EPA. The memorandum, dated April 6, 2018, was issued by the United States Office of Government Ethics and addressed to Minoli. Pursuant to this memorandum, a case was opened to administratively investigate the following allegation: Did Administrator Pruitt have subordinates at the EPA assist him in finding personal housing.

On June 7, 2018, OI expanded the investigation to include the following allegations; (1) Did Administrator Pruitt use his official position and EPA staff to seek a "business opportunities" for his wife; (2) Did Administrator Pruitt enlist subordinates at the EPA secure a mattress for his personal use; and (3) Did Administrator Pruitt have his security detail run personal errands for him.

**FINDINGS:**

All allegations are deemed inconclusive. Administrator Pruitt resigned from the EPA prior to the conclusion of the investigation; therefore, was no longer subject to the administrative Standards of Conduct.

**DISPOSITION:**

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
1301 CONSTITUTION AVENUE, NW  
WASHINGTON DC 20004

**DATE:** MARCH 11, 2019

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0086

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** PRUITT, E. SCOTT, ADMINISTRATOR, OA

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
E. SCOTT PRUITT	WASHINGTON, D.C.	N/A

**ALLEGATIONS:**

On April 9, 2018, Assistant Inspector General of Investigations (AIGI) Patrick Sullivan (Sullivan), Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a memorandum from Kevin Minoli (Minoli), Principal Deputy General Counsel and Designated Agency Ethics Official, EPA.

At the direction of AIGI Sullivan, an administrative case was opened to investigate the following allegation: (1) Did Administrator Pruitt's rental agreement with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) constitute a gift.

**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS:**

Administrator Pruitt resigned from the EPA prior to the conclusion of the investigation. The allegation is inconclusive.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.

**RESTRICTED INFORMATION**

Page 1

This report is the property of the Office of Investigations and is loaned to your agency: it and its contents may not be reproduced without written permission. The report is FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY and its disclosure to unauthorized persons is prohibited. Public availability to be determined under 5 U.S.C. 552.



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
1301 CONSTITUTION AVE, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20004

**DATE:** October 12, 2018

**PREPARED BY:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0087

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** Unknown Subject – Pressure of EPA Ethics Officials Regarding Administrator Pruitt’s Condo Rental

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Unknown	Washington, DC	N/A

**ALLEGATIONS:**

On April 9, 2018, the Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a memorandum from Kevin Minoli (Minoli), Principal Deputy General Counsel and Designated Agency Ethics Official, EPA. The memorandum, dated April 6, 2018, was issued by the United States Office of Government Ethics and addressed to Minoli. Pursuant to this memorandum, a case was opened to administratively investigate the following allegation: Were EPA Agency Ethics Officials improperly pressured into rendering opinions pertaining to Administrator Pruitt’s condominium rental.

**FINDINGS:**

OI interviewed potential victims, who stated that they did not feel pressured into rendering opinions pertaining to Administrator Pruitt’s condominium rental. OI reviewed records, which did not reveal any apparent, pressure-related communications placed on EPA Agency Ethics Officials regarding their opinions of the condominium rental.

**DISPOSITION:** Not supported. Closed.

The United States Attorney’s Office, District of Columbia, Washington, DC, declined prosecution of this investigation based upon the facts presented.

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.